

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment cancels claims 1-19 and 22-25. Now, pending in the application are claims 20 and 21, both of which are independent.

Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 20 and 21 are indicated to recite patentable subject matter.

Interview and Claim Amendments

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview on September 19, 2006. Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's position, Applicants cancel all rejected claims to place the present application in condition for allowance. Cancellation of the claims is not to be construed as an acquiescence to any of the objections/rejections set forth in the Office Action, and were done solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed, or similar claims, in this or one or more subsequent patent applications.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103


Claims 1-12, 14-19, 24 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. In the foregoing claim amendments, claims 1-12, 14-19, 24 and 25 are canceled. In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that the rejection of claims 1-12, 14-19, 24 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. §103 is moot. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 1-12, 14-19, 24 and 25, and pass the pending application to issuance.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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